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18 NOVEMBER 2018

Church Extension



An exciting new stage

You will know that the most recent plans for the church development are with the Planning and Highways Departments of Sheffield City Council. Our architect is drawing up the next stages of plans and beginning the process of determining more detailed costing for the overall project. In parallel with these stages, it is important that we now move forward in developing the detail of our fundraising strategy.

In order to support this, the church has now issued a formal invitation to a wide range of fundraising consultants and organisations. We are asking them to put forward detailed proposals for expert and experienced consultancy services to support the creation of a deliverable funding strategy. We may also commission the successful partner to support the project by working with us on a number of high-value bids.

We have set out the vision, aims and detailed plans for the development project and this external fundraising through trust funds and other donors will sit alongside our own gifts and pledges. We are planning a Gift and Pledge Day for the Church Development Project in Spring of 2019. It will, of course, be vital that both the church's own support and also the external fundraising are both highly fruitful if we are to reach the funds needed to see the project through to successful completion.



TONIGHT 6.30pm
Communion

Please pray for:

- The fundraising consultants as they formulate their proposals.
- The detailed consideration of the proposals after they are received at the end of November, together with the interviews with the shortlisted consultants in mid-December.
- Wisdom, discernment and guidance for fundraising team (Mark Lavender, Francis Holt, Brian Wilson), the Steering Group (chaired by Kev Goodwin) and the PCC (especially Gareth Jones representing the PCC) as they all work through this important stage of selecting the church's partner.
- Each member of St John's as we begin to consider prayerfully our response to next year's Gift and Pledge Day.
- And most of all, that the Lord will release whatever resources are needed to see this new, exciting phase of God's mission through to fruition.

Connect News Sheet
Deadline for items is mid-day the
Wednesday prior

A week at St John's...

Monday 19 November to
Sunday 25 November



Monday	4pm	Kidz Klub @ Winn Gardens
	7.30pm	Keith Barber Advice Session
Tuesday	9.30am	Mum & Baby group
	7.30pm	Encounter Youth (Y10+)
Wednesday	4pm	Homework Club @ Winn Gardens
	5pm	Craft Club @ Winn Gardens
	6pm	Alpha course @ Winn Gardens
Thursday	9am	Foodbank & Health Drop In @ Winn Gardens
	6pm	Youth Club @ Winn Gardens
	7.30pm	Exodus Bible Study
Friday	6pm	Illuminate Youth Football
Sunday	10am	Morning Communion
	3pm	Community Church @ Winn Gardens
	6.30pm	Evening Worship

Caring for older loved ones?

Are you concerned about your parents or partner getting old or becoming ill?

Are you a carer who may be able to pass on useful advice to others?

Monday 19th November 7.30pm in church

Keith Barber will be hosting a Q&A session to pass on his experiences of looking after his parents through illness in their later years.

This will be aimed at those who have yet to start caring for their parents or loved one, offering practical advice and support.

Church Membership and Family Directory Forms

Please complete one today!

Due to further changes in Data Protection, we need to ensure we have your consent to contact you, and to include you in our church family directory.

Please rest assured that we are wholly committed to protecting your personal information. **Our Data Privacy Policy is available on our website at www.stjb.org.uk.**

If you have any questions, please speak to Claire, who will be happy to help.

Please complete a Church Membership form from the table at the back of the church and pop it in the box.

New Giving Envelopes

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	This is a one-off donation <input type="checkbox"/>
	This is my regular weekly / monthly offering <input type="checkbox"/>
Please print clearly.	To Gift Aid your donation, please tick the box below
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Postcode	Date
I wish to gift aid my donation <input type="checkbox"/>	
<small>I wish Gift Aid to apply to the enclosed donation. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.</small>	
<small>In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR), the information provided on this envelope will be used only by the Church named above and those directly involved in the processing of your donation through Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs otherwise.</small>	

These can be used for:

- a) one-off gifts
- b) Regular weekly/monthly gifts

Simply tick the appropriate box

If you are a UK tax payer and you wish to gift aid your offering, please include your name and address and tick the box that says 'I wish to gift aid my donation'

These will also replace the weekly/monthly numbered envelopes in April 2019. Please see Keith Barber for further information if required.

The Alpha Course at St John's Spring 2019



Get involved, invite your friends, be part of the Alpha team

What is Alpha?

The Alpha Course is a great opportunity to explore important issues of life and faith. Through a series of stimulating talks and thought-provoking videos, Alpha takes us to the heart of the Christian faith and provides a safe environment to discuss, ask questions and share views.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha really is for anyone, whether just beginning to explore issues of faith or wanting a refresher in the foundations of the Christian life.

Alpha involves three key ingredients

Good food, thought provoking input and great conversation.

But to make it happen,
we need a lot of helpers.

Could you be part of the team?

We need people to:

help prepare the pre-Alpha meal, to be on the welcome desk, to set up the tables and chairs, to serve the food and wait on tables. We need people to help lead the various small group discussions and others to help clear away afterwards. We need prayer warriors too!

Interested in helping?

You are invited to an Alpha planning evening

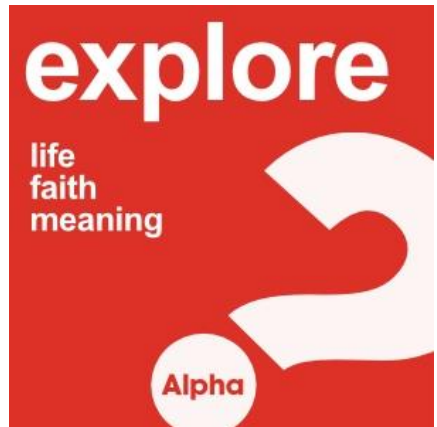
Monday 3rd December
In church 7.30pm

Come along & find out how *you* can make a difference.



If you would consider helping on the team, **we need people to volunteer for these roles;**

- Preparing food
- Serving tables
- Setting up church / clearing away
- Helping lead a small group discussion
- Welcome desk
- Prayer team - during talks & discussion time; keeping prayer in focus in the weeks leading up to Alpha



To find out more, please check out
Alpha.org.uk



What is Restore?

Restore brings together 12 different social action projects that have grown out of Network Church Sheffield. Together they target disadvantage and poverty by addressing practical, financial, emotional and spiritual.

St John's will be supporting this worthy cause this Christmas through our Church Christmas Card donations. Please speak to Geraldine Jordan for further details.

New Service Rotas

OUT TODAY

Copies are available on the side notice board

A HUGE THANK YOU to all our volunteers, your contributions are greatly appreciated!

If you *are* on the rota, please **note the dates in your diary.**

Tools with a Mission



Do you have unused tools lurking in your shed, attic or garage?

Tools with a Mission collects unwanted HAND tools (garden or workshop) to take them to be used primarily in African countries.

They are looking for a range of items including garden tools, sewing machines, knitting needles and wool, sewing needles and cloth.

Please see Mick or Jane Johnson about donations.

Modern Day Slavery

What can you do?

Join Hope at Home and the Snowdrop Project to find out how you can be a part of preventing slavery, supporting survivors and helping rebuild broken lives.

Join us on

Tuesday 20th

November 7pm - 9pm

The Print House

(St Phillips church)

21-23 North Church Street
Sheffield S1 2DH



info@hopeathome.org.uk

Soaking our Sunday services in prayer

Sunday Morning

9.30am in the crèche

Calling all intercessors and those with a passion to pray!

Join us as we pray before our 10am gatherings. Our heart is to soak our worship times in prayer and to listen to God.

You are welcome to join us for all or part of the time.

